

We have the pleasure of publishing the maiden issue of our subscription only new journal entitled “Turkish Policy Quarterly”. The journal is prepared and edited by the ARI Movement, an independent Turkish think tank. We believe that this publication will foster new and original thinking about issues related to Turkish foreign and economic policy and as a result contribute to improved policy making.

As such, the journal will contain articles from policy makers as well as academic circles. In addition, a regular section on Turkish public opinion prepared on the basis of a tracking survey conducted by Strateji Mori will appear in updated form in every issue. A separate section entitled “Academia” will incorporate academic research papers and therefore will provide a window on current academic research in these fields.

The topic of the first issue is “The future of Turkish Foreign Policy”. In this issue, Turkish Foreign Minister İsmail Cem and Greek Foreign Minister George Papandreu outline their vision for the future of their countries’ foreign policy. Nathalie Tocci from CEPS contributes with an article on the ever topical question of Cyprus, whereas Meltem Müftüler Bac from Sabancı University analyzes the evolution of Turkish foreign policy in light of changing global security concerns. Dani Rodrik from Harvard University addresses the question of the importance of a national development strategy while Mehmet Ögütçü from the OECD reviews Turkey’s economic diplomacy. Finally Ümit Kumcuoğlu from Chase Manhattan and Cem Akyürek from Global Securities draw some lessons from the economic hardships of Turkey and Argentina. The “Academia” section includes the research paper of Ali Çarkoğlu from the Boğaziçi University and Melvin Hinich from the University of Texas-Austin on political party preferences in Turkey.

The forthcoming summer, fall and winter issues will be devoted respectively to the topics of globalisation from a regional perspective, the EU and the changing security environment. We believe that the “Turkish Policy Quarterly” will be a uniquely useful publication for all policy makers and researchers who have an active interest in Turkey and in the surrounding region.

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